



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, March 5, 2026

5:00 PM

Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704

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### Call to Order/Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda; Elizabeth M. Pierson; Salud B. Garcia and Genevieve A. Carter

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Tom DeChant called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Jolynne Roorda and Alder Madison attended via telephone. Lisa Hempstead arrived at 5:12pm.

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Molly Warren, Tammy Pineda, Marc Gartler, Carra Davies, Tina Marie Maes, Lori Suiter, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### Public Comment

1. [92136](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - March 5, 2026

A member of the public registered for comment in-person.

### Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### Board Exchange

Salúd García shared that the state of New Mexico is considering legislation that would prohibit book bans in public libraries and schools. Salúd García also shared that she would like to form a group of board members to study the Dane County formula. Creating this study group will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### Lakeview Library Presentation

Carra Davies presented on the staff, metrics, programming, community, and outreach efforts of Lakeview Library.

### Youth Engagement Presentation

Tammy Pineda presented on the library's YS team focusing on the services provided to 15-18 year olds including the library spaces, programming and outreach.

### New Business

2. [92135](#) Director's Report - February, 2026  
**A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
3. [91704](#) Authorizing Madison Public Library to accept, and appropriate, a \$20,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York in the 2026 Operating Budget.  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
4. [92107](#) Approval of the January 2026 Financial Reports.  
**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [92108](#) Approval and authorization to appropriate additional Beyond the Page funds in Madison Public Library's 2026 Adopted Operating Budget.  
**A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### Discussion Items

6. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

### Library Legislative Day Report

Tana Elias and Elizabeth Pierson shared their experiences at Library Legislative Day.

### Facilities Report

Mark Benno reported that MPL hired a Library Maintenance Coordinator who will take over the day-to-day work order process. The library is also buying its first hybrid vehicle as part of our fleet. Last month the chairs in Central's study rooms were replaced and in two weeks there will be new lounge furniture. This month major work on the chiller system will start and next month Mark and Brian will meet with Parks staff to discuss operations at the Imagination Center

**Library.**

### **Foundation Report**

**Conor Moran reported that Lunch for Libraries is on May 5th and the author will be Jesmyn Ward. The Foundation is beginning tours of the Imagination Center site for those who have supported the project so far. Library Giving Day is April 1st which will also launch the public facing phase of the campaign.**

### **South Central Library System Report**

**Gen Carter reported that the most recent SCLS board meeting was short, covering Library Legislative Day and the ILS migration. If there are any topics that the board would like Gen to bring up at SCLS meetings they should let her know.**

### **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by DeChant, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.**